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SUBJECT: WRAP-UP OF GREEK EVENTS - JULY 26

GENEVA FOR BUFFUM

1. GREEK ACTRESS MELINA MERCOURI IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN
ATHENS FROM PARIS IN THE LATE AFTERNOON TODAY. SHE WILL BE
ACCOMPANIED BY HER HUSBAND JULES DASSIN.

2. MINISTER OF INTERIOR GEORGE RALLIS ISSUED A DECISION
JULY 24 RESTORING GREEK CITIZENSHIP TO THE FOLLOWING
PERSONS DEPRIVED OF IT UNDER TERMS OF THE 1967 CONSTITUENT
ACT: NIKOLAOS PAPPAS, AMALIA FLEMING, GEORGE PLYTAS, GEORGE
VANDALIS, DIMITRIOS OPROPOULOS, HELEN VLACHOU, IOANNIS SIOTIS,
ATHANASSIOS PASSALIS, ORESTIS VIDALIS, ELIAS DIMITRAKOPOULOS, IOANNIS
STARAKIS, VASSILIOS EFRAIMIDIS, ALIKI PAPADOMIHALAKI, ANDREAS
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PAPANDREOU, IOANNIS MOURIAS, CONSTANTINE CONSTANTOPOULOS,

EFTHYMOS XENOKOSTAS, VASSILIOS MATHIOPOULOS, VASSILIOS DIMOULAS, THEODOROS YANNOPOULOS, GEORGE VOUKELATOS, PAVLOS THEODORIDIS, ALEXANDROS HATIANTONIOU, GEORGE VEIKOS, NIKOLAOS NIKOLAIDIS, EFSTRATIONS SOMERITIS, NIKOLAOS NIKOLAIDIS OR LAIDIS, AMALIA (MILENA) MERKOURI, CONSTANTINE KOTZIAS AND GEORGE BOURNAS.

3. A MESSAGE SENT BY PM KARAMANLIS TO TURKISH PM ECEVIT WAS REPORTED IN THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY ATHENS NEWS, ALTHOUGH IT DID NOT APPEAR IN THE GREEK-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS. IN THE MESSAGE, KARAMANLIS IS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD ECEVIT THAT HE SHARES HIS VIEWS ON THE NECESSITY OF SINCERE COLLABORATION BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY AND HE FURTHER ASSERTED THAT IT IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE THAT DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM BE CONSOLIDATED, "THERE LIES THE TRUE INTERESTS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES." GREEK PM ADDED THAT ONLY UNDER DEMOCRATIC REGIMES COULD DURABLE AND FRUITFULL METHODS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS BE ESTABLISHED. KARAMANLIS STATED HIS CONVICTION THAT ECEVIT "AS A STATESMAN AND AN INTELLECTUAL OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTE" WOULD UNSTINTINGLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMON AIMS OF BOTH NATIONS. CONCLUDING HIS MESSAGE, THE GREEK PM STATED THAT HE WOULD RELY ON ECEVIT'S "UNDERSTANDING AND EFFECTIVE COOPERATION IN ORDR TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR BOTH OUR NATIONS."

4. ALL NEWSPAPERS TODAY CARRIED A SHORT REPORT "FROM CIRCLES WHICH ARE CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH ANDREAS PAPANDREOU" THE TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS: "MR ANDREAS PAPANDREOU HAS DECIDED TO RETURN FOR GOOD TO GREECE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE OF DEFENDING THE NATIONAL PROBLEM OF CYPRUS, FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUE DEMOCRACY AND CLEANSING THE COUNTRY'S PUBLIC LIFE."

5. THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR RALLIS, MINISTER OF EDUCATION LOUROS AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE TSATSOS ALL GAVE ORDERS TO ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION TO IMMEDIATELY REMOVE THE PHOENIX SYMBOL (I.E. THE EMBLEM OF THE 1967 REVOLUTION) FROM THEIR PREMISES. TSATSOS IN HIS STATEMENT AFFIRMED THAT "THE EMBLEM OF APRIL 21 WILL DISAPPEAR FROM GREEK TERRITORY; THE BIRD HAS FLOWN AWAY -- IT IS GOING -- UNCLASSIFIED

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IT IS GOING -- AND WILL NOT RETURN."

6. ELEFTHEROS COSMOS PUBLISHED A PICTURE OF PM KARAMANLIS IN THE COMPANY OF HIS BROTHER ACHILEFS. THE PICTURE'S CAPTION STATED THAT ACHILEFS WOULD TAKE OVER THE DIRECTION OF THE PM'S POLITICAL OFFICE.

COMMENT: ACHILEFS KARAMANLIS HAD PREVIOUSLY HELD THE SAME POSITION DURING THE PM'S PREVIOUS TENURE IN OFFICE.

7. MOST NEWSPAPERS TODAY ASSERTED THAT FORMER PM AND PRESIDENT PAPADOPOULOS HAD NOT DEPARTED FROM GREECE (CONTRARY TO PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED REPORTS). HIS PERSONAL GUARD TOLD AN AP CORRESPONDENT THAT PAPADOPOULOS IS STILL AT HIS HOME IN LAGONISSI, THAT HE IS WELL AND THAT "PERHAPS HE CAN TALK TO YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE." MOST PAPERS ALSO CARRIED REPORT OF DENIAL BY EMBASSY THAT ANY AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE DEPARTURE ABROAD OF PAPADOPOULOS.

8. EMBASSY OFFICER WAS TOLD TODAY THAT DIONISIOS KARAYANNIS, A CAREER GREEK DIPLOMAT, WOULD REPLACE AMBASSADOR PANAYOTAKOS IN NEW YORK.
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